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SUBJECT: MAURITANAIN ACCESSION TO 1972 COLREGS CONVENTION

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 223, (B) STATE 111025, (C) STATE 139424

1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED MAURITANIAN ACCESSION TO 1972 COLREGS CONVENTION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, LAFDAL ABEHI. ABEHI WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF EXISTENCE OF TREATY AND HAD NO IDEA WHEN OR IF MAURITANIA WOULD ACCEPT NEW REGULATIONS. HE REPEATED POINT MADE BY HIS PREDECESSOR (REF A) THAT MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ITS OWN LIST OF PRIORITIES IN FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. MOREOVER SINCE MAURITANIA HAS VIRTUALLY NO SHIPPING FLEET, ABEHI DECLARED IT WAS NOT LIKELY THAT 1972 COLREGS WOULD BE GIVEN VERY HIGH POSITION ON THAT LIST.

2. EMBOFF BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE TO PRESS ISSUE UNTIL MAURITANIANS HAVE CHANCE TO STUDY TREATY. IN ORDER FOSTER THAT PROCESS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT POUCH ONE COPY FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT OF CONVENTION TO NOUAKCHOTT, FOR FORWARDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. MEANWHILE, SINCE ONLY U.S. MARINERS KNOWN TO HAVE SAILED IN MAURITANIAN WATERS IN PAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN THOSE OPERATING TWO OIL EXPLORATION SEISMIC SHIPS, PRESSURE FROM U.S. MARINERS FOR PROMPT MAURITANIAN ACCEPTANCE OF COLREGS WILL PROBABLY BE MINIMAL.

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